

REMARKS

Claims 5-12, 17-24, and 29-36 remain pending.

In the Office communication, the Examiner stated that claims 1-4, 13-16, and 25-28 were canceled; alleged that no claims are allowed in the application; and required that the dependent claims be placed in independent form.

By this amendment, claims 5, 6, 9, 17, 18, 21, 29, 30, and 33 have been placed in independent form by incorporating the limitations from the canceled claims from which they formerly depended.

Applicants also note that in the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2004, claims 8-12, 20-24, and 32-36 were indicated as allowable. Because no rejection remains against the pending claims, at least these claims should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims, 5-12, 17-24, and 29-36, are respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Alan Pedersen-Giles, attorney for Applicants, at the number below to discuss such matters.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0221 and please credit any excess

fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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